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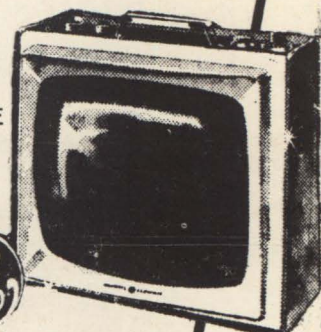
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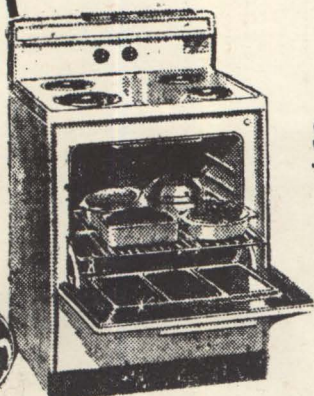
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Dear Sir:

In your August 1962 issue, page 15, I note the fine photo of a three span covered bridge. This was located on the Nes-
haminy Creek at Castle Valley, two miles west of Doylestown. The structure was 483 feet long. It was built in 1835 and was torn down in 1930 because of weight limitations.

—George M. Hart
George School, Pa.

Gentlemen,

The unidentified covered bridge pictured in your August edition is the old bridge at Castle Valley. We have a picture so marked.

— Esther Stauffer
Willow Grove

(Ed. Note—Thanks to readers Hart and Stauffer and to the many other nice folks who identified the bridge. For covered bridge fans who did not see the article or photos, copies are still available at the Panorama office at 25¢, plus 8¢ postage and handling.)

Dear Dick,

I enjoy reading Panorama and must say it is really developing. It is a credit to Bucks County.

Vera Wagner
Pres., Theodore Burr
Covered Bridge Soc.
Harrisburg, Pa.

Money and Politics

Editor,

I would like to correct a statement made in your September issue of Panorama. In

your editorial, "Money and Politics," you stated that "all donations (to political parties and candidates) are tax deductible."

In publication No. 17, 1962, "Your Federal Income Tax", issued by the U. S. Treasury Department, Internal Revenue Service, a statement on page 108 reads as follows: "Non-deductible contributions—gifts to which are *not* deductible as contributions, are: Political parties and candidates. This is further amplified on page 127 which states: "Political contributions or dues paid to an organization for the purpose of influencing voters are not deductible". I believe this statement is worthy of correction by Panorama.

I do, however, heartily endorse the idea of donating to one's political party to defray expenses. If everyone did this, there would be no need of making charges and counter charges, because it would not exist.

Vincent J. Shroad, Jr.
Levittown

(ED. NOTE: Thanks to reader Shroad for the correction. The Internal Revenue people confirmed this. Tax deductible or not, we agree with reader Shroad and many others who wrote us regarding the editorial, that we all as good citizens should make regular donations to our political parties. How about you; have you sent in your buck or more as yet?)

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Last nite I sat down with the Sept. issue of Panorama, and before I knew it, I had read it from cover to cover. No question about it, I want to subscribe.

Michael Fleming
Newtown, Pa.

Enclosed is my check for my subscription, and one to be sent as a gift.

I have seen one copy of Panorama and was pleased that a magazine of this type is being published. My best wishes for success to all of you responsible for Panorama.

Helen L. Lerch
Upper Darby, Pa.

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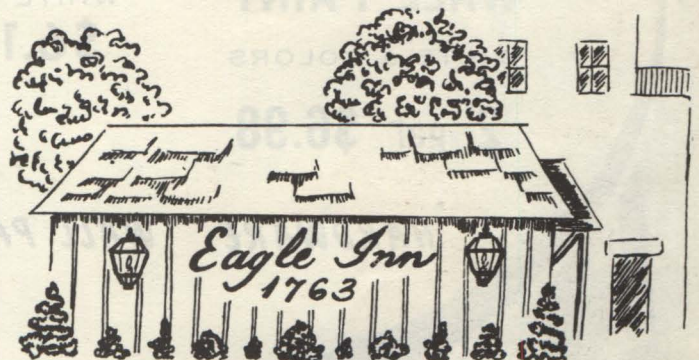
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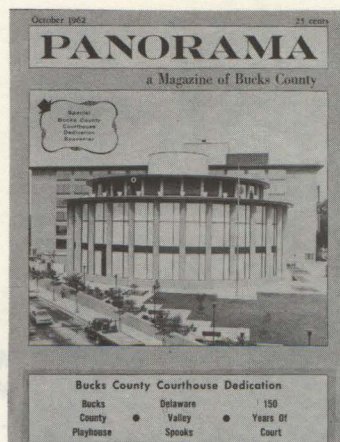
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OUR COVER



This month's cover photo by Richard Kaplinski shows our new Bucks County Court House. This issue of Panorama is presented in honor of the formal opening of the Court House on September 29.

Next Month Panorama will offer articles by James A. Michener and Willard S. Curtin, Bucks County congressional election candidates in our regular pre-congressional election special. We also will offer another exciting Bucks County murder case, plus many other articles of interest. Look for the November Panorama in your mail box or newsstand on October 29th.

THE NEW COURT HOUSE

Many words have been written and spoken regarding Bucks County's multi-million dollar courthouse. There have been outraged cries from citizens who claim that the destruction of the old court house was a terrible thing. Others hailed the move. Who is right? History will tell.

Like it or not, Bucks County can be rightly proud of its new Court House and the administration building, as it is one of the most modern and up to date in the nation today. We feel that in many cases "Extravagance" would best describe the spending, (i.e., \$180. per roll for wallpaper in one room, etc.), but it is now complete and ready for operation.

In this issue of Panorama, we have tried to mix the new and the old. We have a photographic tour of the new building, scenes of the tearing down of the old court house, and many photos of the "Old Home Week" celebrations back in 1912, celebrating 100 years of Court being held in Doylestown. We have tried to illustrate for folks of today and the future the progress that has been made in Bucks County. We hope we have achieved this goal. To list the names of all the many fine people who aided us in obtaining the many photos and facts necessary would look like the Doylestown telephone directory. We just thank you, and hope you enjoy reading it.

FAIR IDEA

The First Annual Greater Bucks County Fair, held in Quakertown was, to put it mildly, a roaring success. Despite the storm that destroyed some tents, the fair attracted some 90,000 persons during the run. It offered 41 exhibits, plus the exhibits entered by individuals.

The Greater Bucks County Fair has outgrown its present grounds on its first year, and now are looking for a permanent site, somewhere in Bucks County.

We suggest that perhaps Doylestown should be the site of the annual fair. Doylestown is not only the County Seat, but also is the geographical center of the County. It would be convenient to get to from all parts of Bucks. Thus, it is the natural place to have a Greater Bucks County Fair.

The fact that 90,000 persons visited the fair this year, should be an indication that people want to see a Bucks County Fair going again. May we suggest to the Chamber of Commerce of Central Bucks, The County Industrial Development Corporation and all interested citizens to band together to see what can be done about it. We think it's a pretty fair idea.

THE YEAR OF THE SMEAR

1962 will no doubt go down in the history books of Bucks County as "the year of the smear". Politics has always been serious business in Bucks, but this year it has been more vicious than ever before. Many men have had their reputations marred or ruined. Some rightly, and some not so rightly.

If we should start a list of the country officeholders and public officials who have been victimized, it would cover nearly every office in the county government, both political party leaders, and on and on.

When anyone charges a public official with an act of wrong doing, whether the charge is right or wrong, it is smeared in the largest type on the front pages of every paper in the county. Should he be cleared of charges, usually a small three line story buried on top of a grocery ad in the back of the paper informs the reader of his being cleared. Thus, most "headline readers" never know the man has been cleared and consider him a "crook" and a "bum" forever.

This publication believes that all wrong doing should be brought to the attention of the public, and those involved should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. However, we also feel as strongly that when false charges are lodged against a man, the same coverage given the accusation should be given his innocence. Without this assurance, many good honest men will not enter the political arena, and the public will lose their services.

The American way has always been fair play. Let's try to revive that Spirit.

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October 1962

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OCTOBER is also the month of Halloween and the many festivities that go with that annual celebration — mischief nite, ghosts and goblins, pumpkins carved with faces, and pumpkin and mince pies. We have noticed one halloween symbol that is fast disappearing — the corn stalks. In the fall, the corn stalks used to be gathered up and tied in bundles in the corn field. In recent years, the once popular scene has all but disappeared. This is due, one farmer told me, to the fact that the corn stalks are chopped up while still green and used for feed. Take a look yourself as you drive around the county this fall, and see if you can find a field of corn stalks.

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One hundred and fifty years ago, the Bucks County Courts were moved to Doylestown. Fifty years ago to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the event, Doylestown staged "Old Home Week" with parades, pageants and the like. Old timers fondly recall "Old Home Week" as the greatest celebration that this county has ever seen.

It had been hoped that this year, 1962, we could have another big celebration, marking 150 years of court being held in Doylestown, and the opening of Bucks County's new Court House. I guess folks are too sophisticated these days, and little interest could be aroused. In this issue Panorama presents photos of "Old Home Week" of 1912, plus many other nostalgic photos of Court and court houses. It is our way of saluting the opening of the new Court House.

Additional copies of this special "souvenir edition" of Panorama have been printed for folks who would like to have copies for friends. If your local newsstand is sold out, write the Panorama office at Doylestown, including 25¢ plus 8¢ postage for each copy desired, and they will be mailed to any address in the United States.

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DON'T LOOK NOW, BUT, it is less than eighty days until Christmas!

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The New Hope Historical Society is sponsoring an Art Show at the Parry Barn in New Hope. There is a comprehensive display of art for sale at gift prices. The show goes on into November.

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Speaking of New Hope, The Bucks County Playhouse and Panorama's MIKE ELLIS was a judge at The Miss America Pageant in Atlantic City. Lucky guy!

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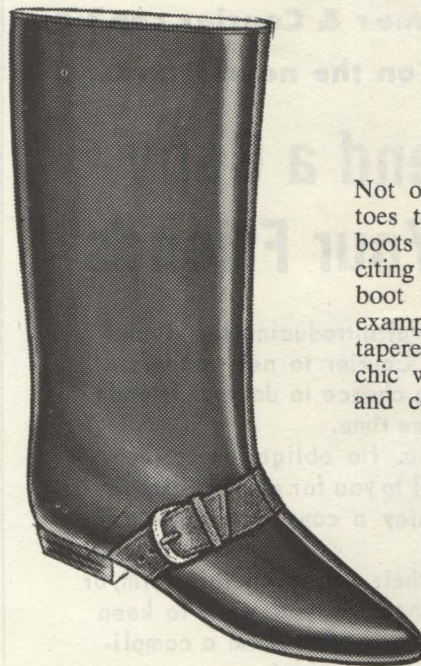
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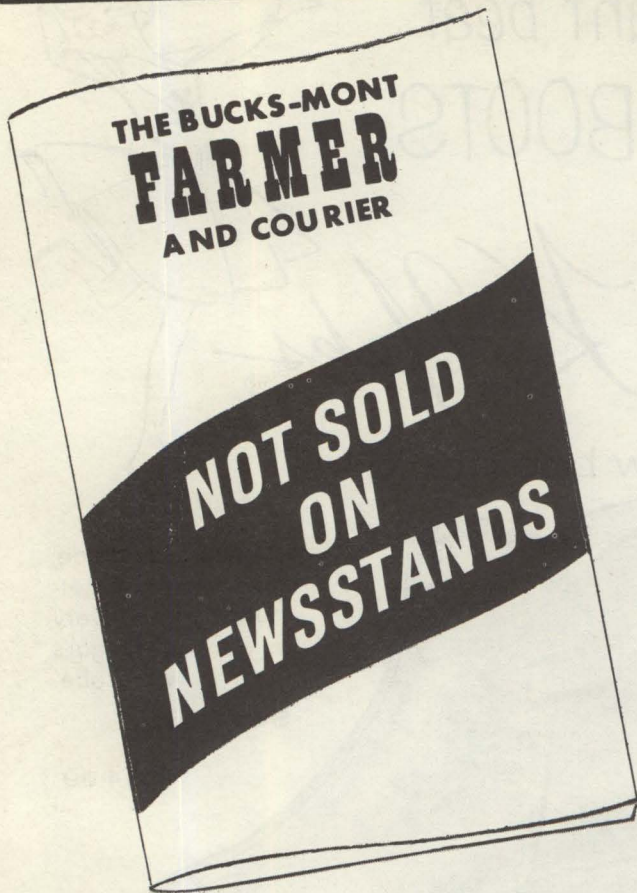
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Rambling with Russ

by A. RUSSELL THOMAS

HAVING ACCESS TO a newspaper morgue for more than 40 years, gave this reporter plenty of time to come across some interesting items, which may or may not be appropriate as we dedicate our new multi-million dollar Bucks County Courthouse.

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We FOUND as a matter of record, that 822 gallons of whiskey were consumed in the course of the erection of the Bucks County Home, now known as Neshaminy Manor Home. The character of the dedication ceremonies is not definitely known, but they doubtless were of a hilarious order, as the directors and two other equally benevolent gentlemen furnished the liquor at their private expense.

Whiskey entered largely into the expense of construction of the home, as the 822 gallons indicate. About one-fourth of this amount is itemized as whiskey, at a cost of \$94,770, the rest being conveniently included in the general item of "diet". Compared with whiskey prices today the 1809 liquor tab seems reasonable. The same amount of "Old Grand" today would cost about \$19,000, while you might get more reasonable "Paul Revere" for \$12,000.

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WHEN JUDGE BOYER was president of the Kiwanis Club of Doylestown, I happened to be his secretary. Our club's greatest outing was one to the World's Fair in New York, where we were the guests of Mayor LaGuardia's secretary, the late Stanley Howe, of Bucks county.

Judge Boyer was not exactly "down on" anyone who imbibed in refreshments with an alcoholic content, although he never touched it. We were the guests on this day, of Edsel Ford in his private dining room on the World's Fair grounds.

The late jurist was seated next to Frank Worthington, then manager of the Doylestown Maennerchor Society. When the order was taken for the luncheon "eye-opener", Kiwanian Worthington asked the Judge whether "just for once", he would "take a chance" on some kind of wine. It was then that Judge Boyer heard some one nearby say (it might have been this reporter), "I'll take cognac."

"What's that?" asked the Judge, and his friend replied, "Your Honor, it is a superior wine made near Cognac, on the Charente in France . . . loosely, any French brandy; it is very mild, I know you will like it."

The Judge agreed to try it and did. He enjoyed his luncheon—which was delicious as I remember—but when I met him later that afternoon and invited him to join us on a ferris wheel ride, our Kiwanis President, the judge, replied: "Russ, I'm having trouble right now staying on the ground, no ferris wheel for me . . . thank you just the same."

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ON THAT same trip to the New York World's Fair, another Kiwanian, William Satterthwaite, banker, dean of the Bucks County Bar Association and father of Judge Edwin H. Satterthwaite, Jr. had dined with us at the famous luncheon. Whether he had accepted the invitation for a cocktail or not, I do not remember, but he did walk into a glass door leading to an outside patio off the private dining room of Edsel Ford—strictly sober, but with a bump on his nose.

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FROM 1734 to 1750 only six sheriffs' deeds were acknowledged in Bucks county . . . The last court held at Bristol was

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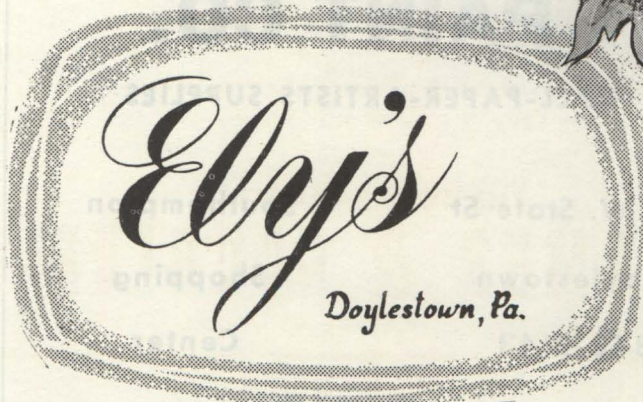


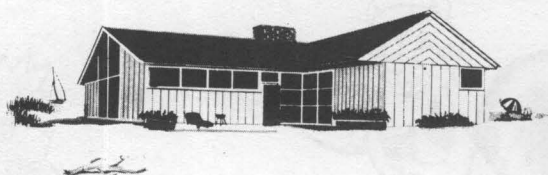
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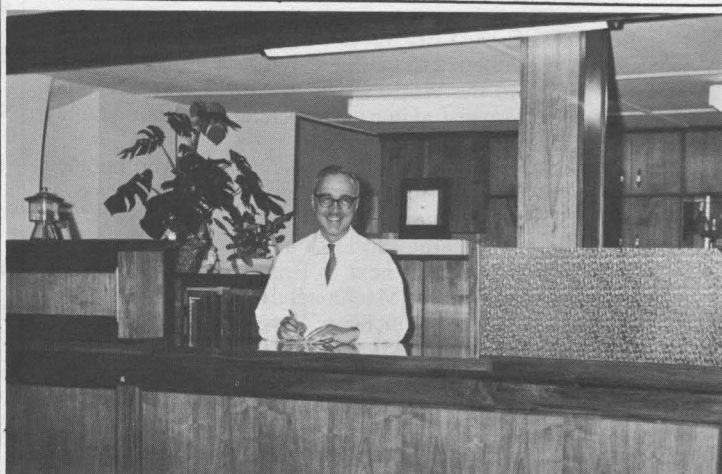


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An Editor Reminisces



by C. Norman Detweiler

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Halloween in Other Years

The melancholy days have come, this season of the year,
When falling leaves and yellow corn tell Halloween is near,
And ghosts and goblins stalk about in garbs so gray and grim,
And witches ride so stealthily on broomsticks long and slim.
It is the masqueraders' night to play their ghoulish tricks,
To steal your gate, or ring your bell, or load a hat with bricks;
E'en rocking chairs and old settees from porches disappear,
While clanking chains and ugly masks fill tiny tots with fear.

Then someone steals Joe Johnson's cow and ties it to Smith's door,

While church signs swap position with hotels or general store;
Some pranks were even worse than that on Halloweens of yore,
And what some thought was only fun made many others sore.

Halloween Today

Halloween, it ain't what it usta be, ain't what it usta be, ain't
what it usta be,
Halloween, it ain't what it usta be many long years ago—because
—there are:

Fewer gates to be lifted and hung in the trees,
Few hives to topple over and empty of bees,
No neighbors' buggies to be spirited from sheds,
Nor dapple greys or "shimmels" to daub with greens and reds.
Porch rockers now are stored away, settees are seen no more,
And neither is the outhouse that measured four by four;
Yes, Halloween is different, Old Timers must admit,
But leave it to the youngsters, they'll make the most of it.

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There's Harmony in the Home

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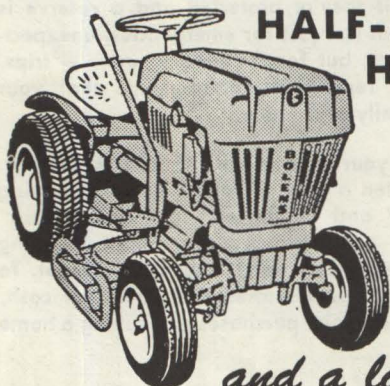
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March 17, 1725... The first court was held in Newtown, June, 16, 1726... The last court held in Newtown was May 10, 1813.

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IN QUARTER Sessions Court records I found that at the June Sessions, 1780, a list of five cases in which the crime was called "Keeping School". A search of the original papers disclosed that the offense consisted of teaching school without having taken the oath of allegiance to the New Government. The punishment for this offense in the cases against William Wood and Thomas Folliet were \$2,500 fine and a requirement that the defendants give bond with surety in the sum of \$20,000 for their good behavior for a period of 12 months.

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OLD COURT HOUSE records reveal some interesting grand jury reports, and times have not changed much. When the late Judge Mahlon Stout received his grand jury report, May Sessions, 1904, a protest was made against Sunday baseball playing in Bucks County, and the jury recommended its prohibition.

Judge Stout replied that he did not think it was serious enough to warrant an indictment and declared that if it was a nuisance in any community, the persons annoyed could make complaint and enter prosecution. With A. R. Trumbower as foreman, the jury submitted this recommendation: "Whereas, it has been brought to our notice that Sunday baseball playing is becoming a nuisance in some parts of our county, we would recommend that the authorities take steps to prohibit the same, and especially at Parkland Park, near Langhorne Station."

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A BUCKS grand jury, January Session, 1901, with Arthur Chapman as foreman, recommended "that our Representatives enact a law of such rigor as may deter the widespread kidnapping of children over our State for the purpose of levying blackmail."

The late Judge Harmon Yerkes at the September Sessions, 1903, received a grand jury report recommending that "several slates be replaced on the Court House roof that are now wanting".

Addressing the grand jury, November Sessions, 1904, Judge Mahlon Stout said that it had come to his knowledge that "a peculiar condition exists in certain portions of our county. This is particularly true of the lower end, where crime appears to run riot. This is due, perhaps to the fact that the section is crossed by several railroads and that there is a large industrial establishment there. As there is but one constable in most townships the apprehension of lawless characters is difficult."

In his same charge to the grand jury, Judge Stout called attention to the fact that there is considerable drunkenness upon the streets of Doylestown, and called attention to the fact and directed that the law be strictly enforced. "It is evident that the liquor was sold to the drunken men at the licensed houses in the borough and if the condition is continued, the proprietors may wake up some morning and find there are fewer licensed places in Doylestown than at present", the judge added.

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A DISTINGUISHED jurist and a personal friend of mine was the late Judge Calvin S. Boyer. He had addressed a Sunday School supper meeting and was reminiscing, how strong were the impressions made upon him by a book of Bible stories he was given as a child. As His Honor warmed up to his subject, he made a sweeping gesture with his hand as he announced:

"I haven't forgotten one of those stories." (Judge Boyer had a marvelous memory). Unfortunately for the Judge and his gesture, some one had pushed a glass of water right in the path of his gesture—and his hand did a very thorough job of blitzkrieging. But His Honor was a quick-witted individual and, with a twinkle in his eye, he added to his comment about remembering the Bible stories—

"Not even the Deluge!"

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Bucks County's New Court House

by Peggy Gehoe

As one enters the new circular County Courthouse, a visitor is somewhat breathless in the astute elaborateness of the building. A wide circular hallway surrounds the five various floors in the center. The floors are in a glistening white marble and the walls throughout the entire building are plastered, and covered in a lovely, expensive canvas backed, handpainted, sprayed vinyl wallpaper. We were given to understand that the architect Griswold took complete charge of the interior decorating which is achieved in a combination of gay, vivid colors and rich, natural woods with furniture in contemporary styling. The carpets used throughout the court rooms, jury rooms and the Judges' chambers are all in bright colors to match or contrast to the individual furnishings, and were completely hand-made in Puerto Rico.

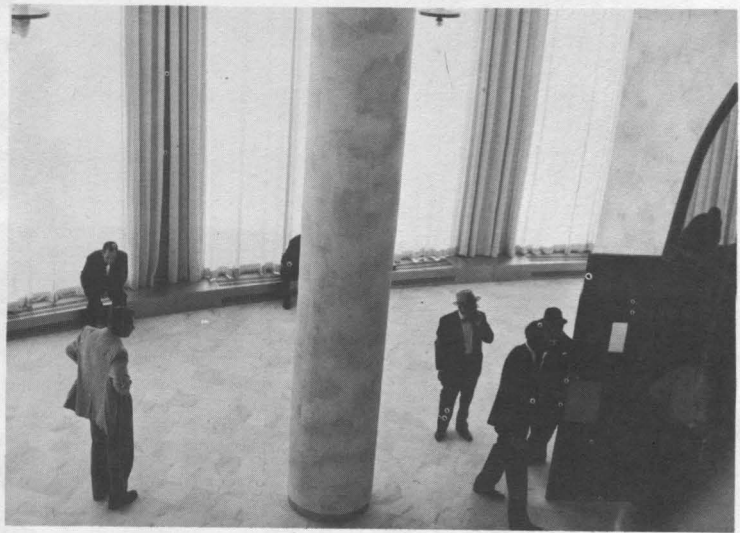
Three of the elaborately furnished and decorated courtrooms are on each of the first and third floors. The jury's conference rooms occupy the second floor. The entire 4th floor is devoted to the handsomely furnished Lawyer's lounge. The coral walls, set off the autumn shades of gold, green and oranges of the upholstered modern furniture. A complete pullman kitchen makes it possible for the attorney's to completely relax. The 5th floor is entirely devoted to the Judges' chambers.

On the following pages we have tried to capture some of the more interesting features of the new building. We are indebted to Mr. Wesley Ervin, Clerk of The Works, for our tour, and we hope you enjoy your "Panorama Photo Tour" as much as we enjoyed doing it.



View onto North Main Street from the 5th floor Lawyers library.

Photos by Richard Kaplinski



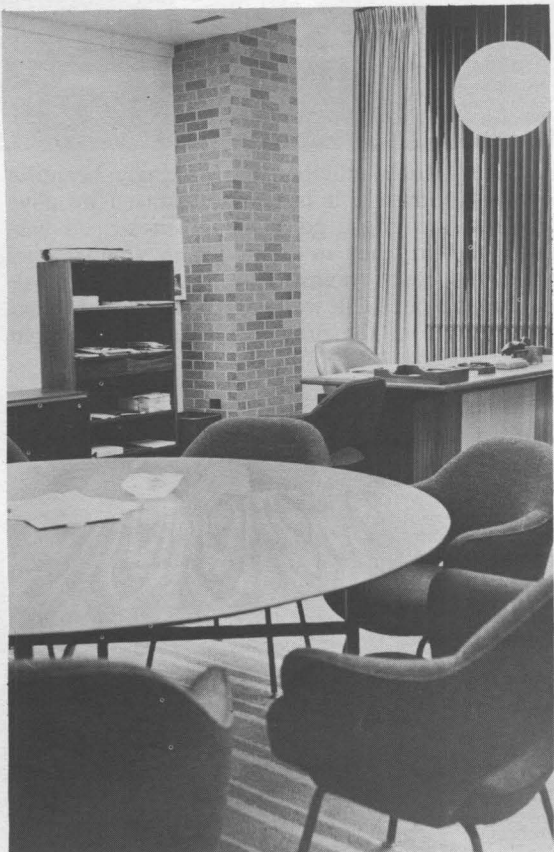
Above, outside one of the new courtrooms, people are gathered to hear the outcome of a trial. Below, the main entrance to the new Bucks County Court House on Court Street.

At the start of the tour, Clerk of the Works, C. Wesley Ervin gives Panorama's Peggy Gehoe some background information on the new Court House. Below, a lone figure walks through the lobby.





These photos were taken in the Administration Building. Above is the complete, up-to-date lawyers library on the 5th floor. Below, also on the 5th floor is Chief County Commissioner Edward B. Boyer's office. The carpet is in a gay blue stripe that effectively sets off the blue chairs.



A staircase leads to the upper floors of the new building. The light fixtures will have beautiful shades, but they had not been installed at time of photo. Below, the 5th floor is devoted entirely to the Judges chambers. In all, there are 6 suites for the 6 Judges. Three of the suites have a southern exposure, and three with a northern exposure. Shown here is President Judge Biester's office suite, which overlooks North Main St. The decor is carried out in shades of rust, with walnut furniture.



Below is the 6th floor office of The Bucks County Planning Commission under the direction of Franklin Wood. This office employs 12 to 15 persons on a full time basis, and is the scene of all of the planning for future growth of Bucks County.





Court room number four is striking in the mottled brown vinyl wallpaper, with an orange decor carried out in the jury seats, and a brilliant yellow and orange striped carpet. The woodwork in this room is maple.



Above is Court Room number 2, featuring sage green walls with gold jury chairs. This color theme is picked up from the gold and orange striped carpet. The room features walnut woodwork. Below, is one of two judges conference rooms. The one pictured has mottled dark brown walls, with one sidewall in brilliant orange. The bright orange carpet and upholstery on the chairs lend a contrast to the walnut table and chairs.



Above is Court Room number 6. Strikingly beautiful with its ebony woodwork, it is richly enhanced by olive drab chairs and the bright gold and green striped carpet. Below is the jury box in Court Room number one, the largest of the court rooms. This room features teak woodwork through-out. The walls are covered with grass matting imported from the orient, and set off by bright blue striped carpet.





Doylestown Celebrates *Old Home Week - 1912*

a Panorama Photo Feature

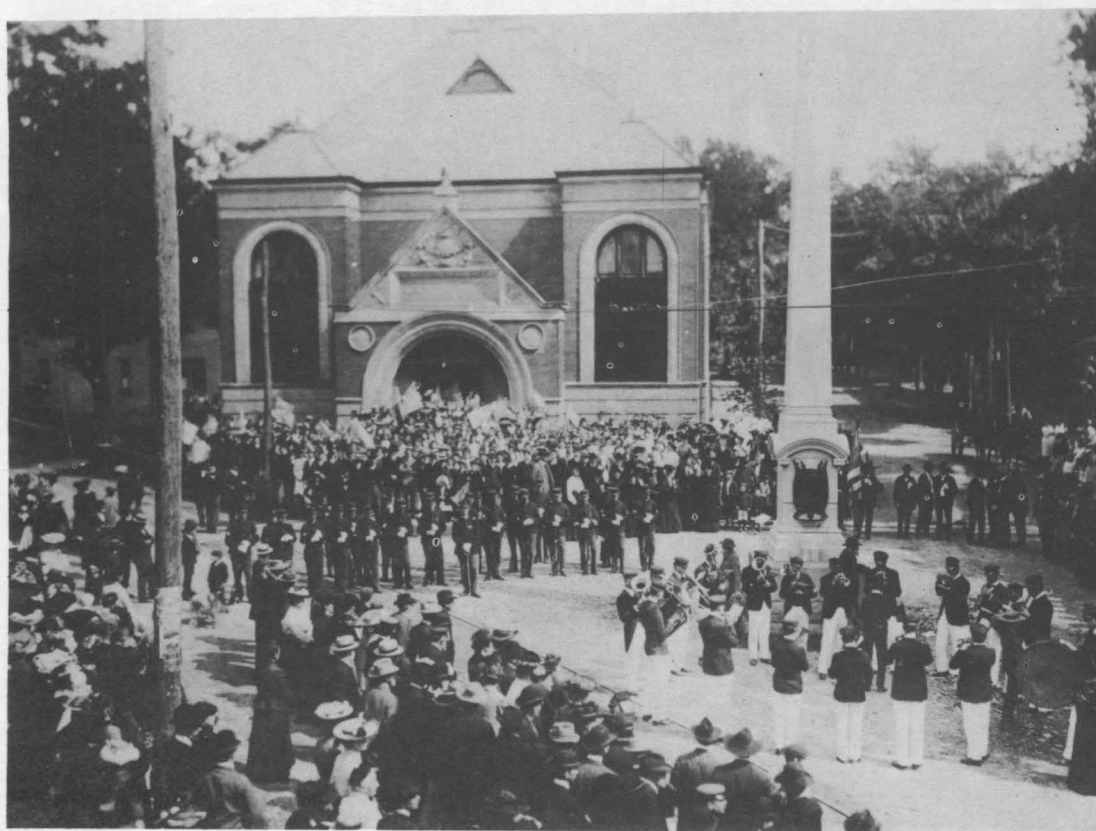
by Richard J. Alliger

Back in 1912, to celebrate 100 years of court in Doylestown, Bucks County went wild with what has been called the greatest show Bucks County has ever put on in its history.

Homes all over the county seat were decked out in flags and other decorations. Businessmen set up special displays. Imitation monuments (similar to the Civil War Monument in Monument Square) were placed at regular intervals all over the center part of the town.

The climax of the week was the big parade, with folks from all over Bucks, Montgomery and Lehigh Counties represented. Many photos that were taken at that time have been made available to Panorama, and we reproduce them here as we dedicate our new court house and celebrate 150 years of court in Doylestown.

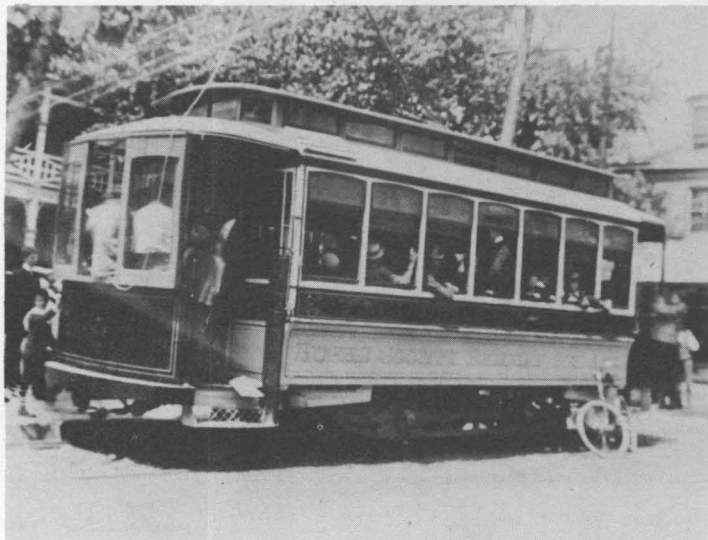
Can you imagine what these happy celebrants of a half century ago would think if they could see the new Court House?





1812—DOYLESTOWN—1912

Historical Day of the Centennial Celebration and Old Home Week



Bands, parades and excitement brought folks from miles around to Doylestown for the celebration. At top left is one of the many bands, top right is the old trolley bringing visitors to town. Below is "The Wartach Tribe" of Willow Grove, C. L. Corson, Chief. The photo was taken at Main and Broad Streets in Doylestown and is from the Case collection.





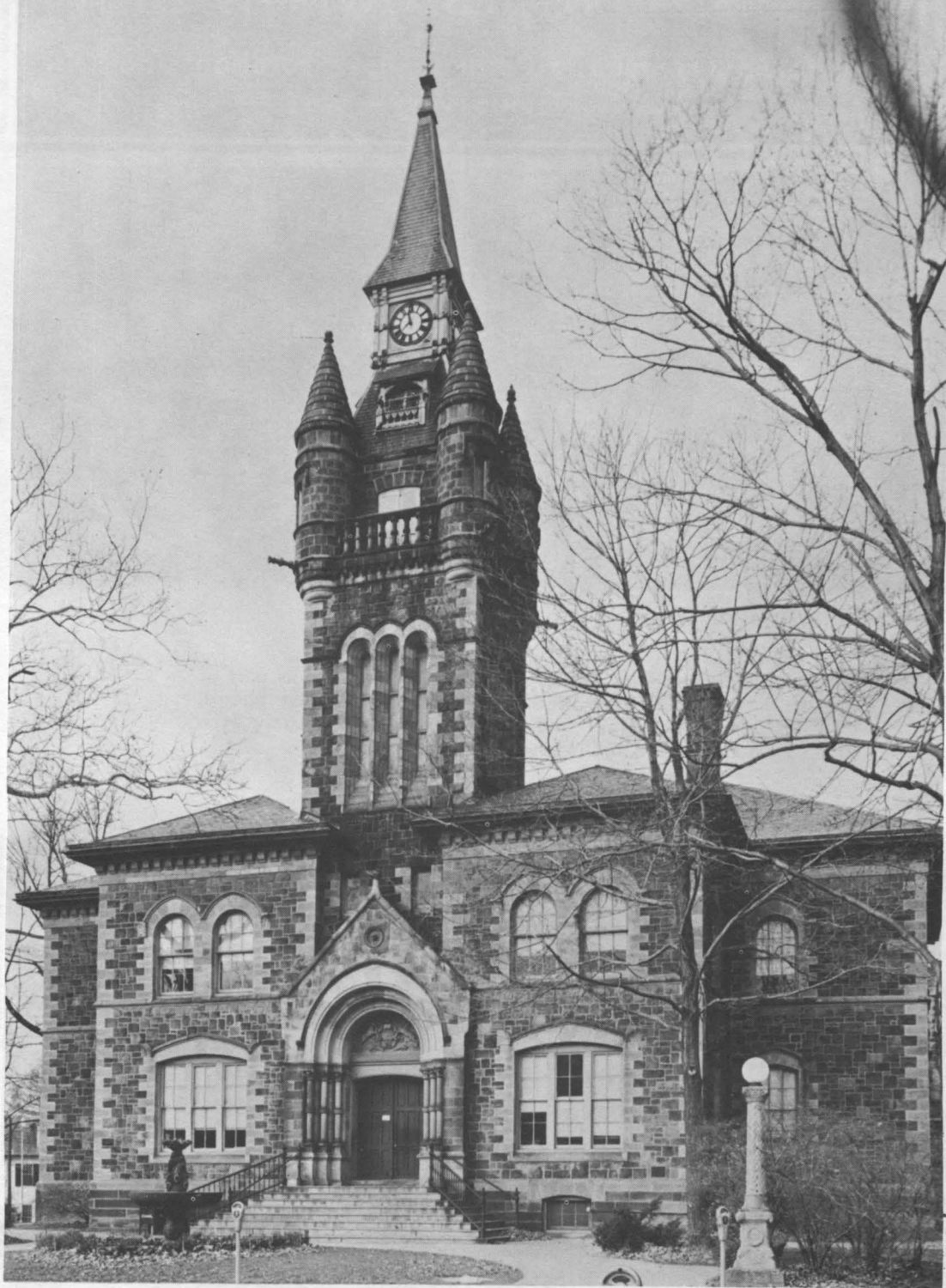
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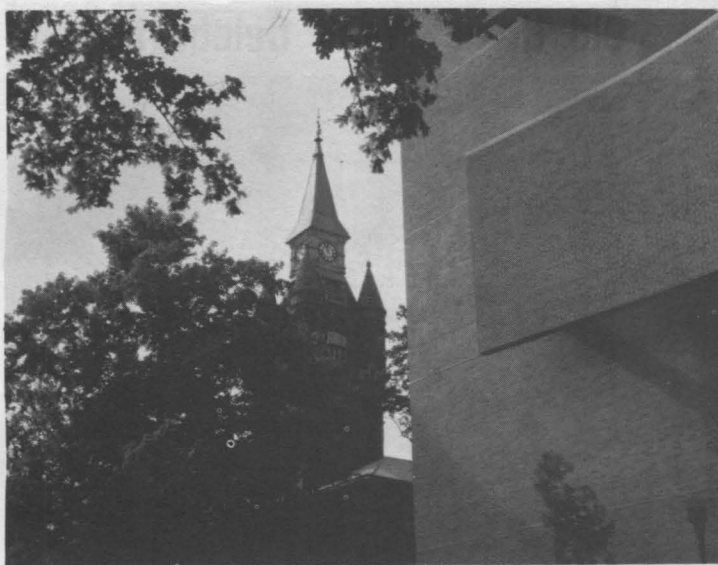


These photos depict part of the parade held as part of
The Old Home Week festivities in 1912. These photos,
taken at Main and Court Streets are courtesy Mrs.
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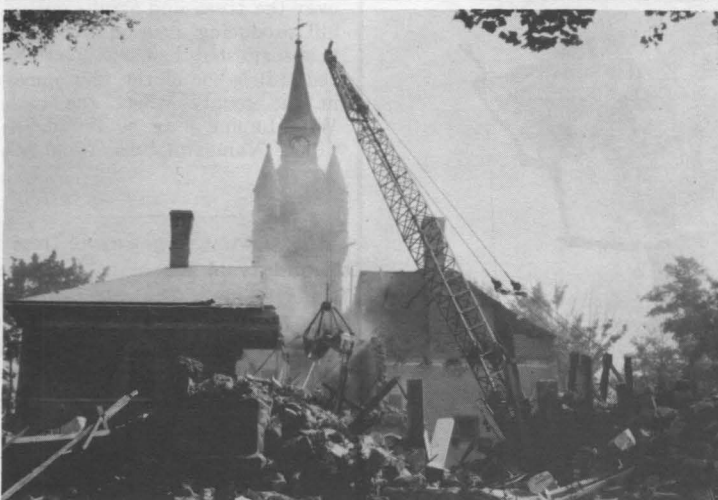
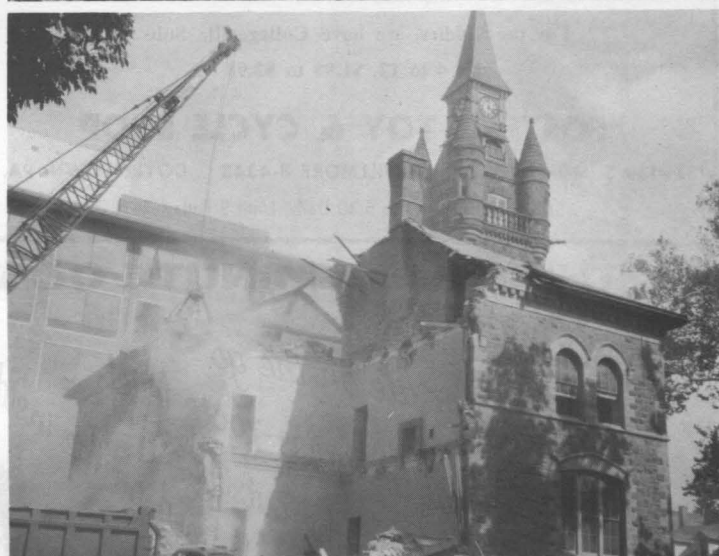




A Court House Dies . . .



October 1960 saw the end of the old Bucks County Court House. These photos show the bulldozers and cranes tearing down the old landmark. (Panorama Photos by Alliger)



A sign posted in front of a small Pennsylvania church: "The trouble with some of us is that in trying times we quit trying."

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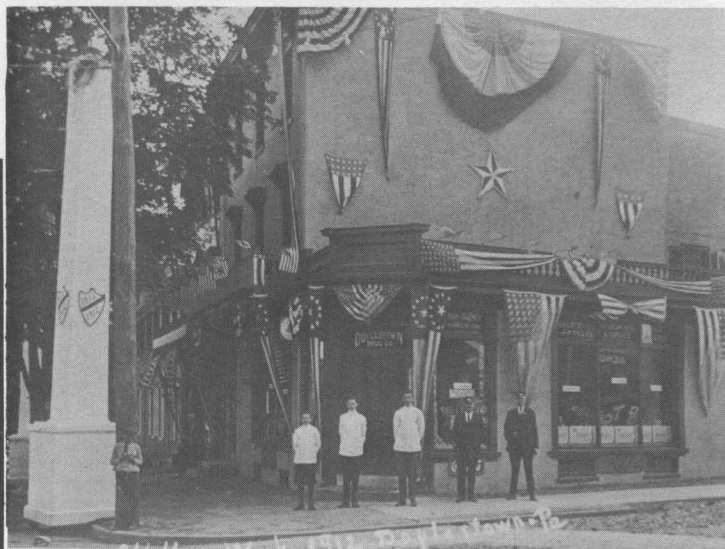
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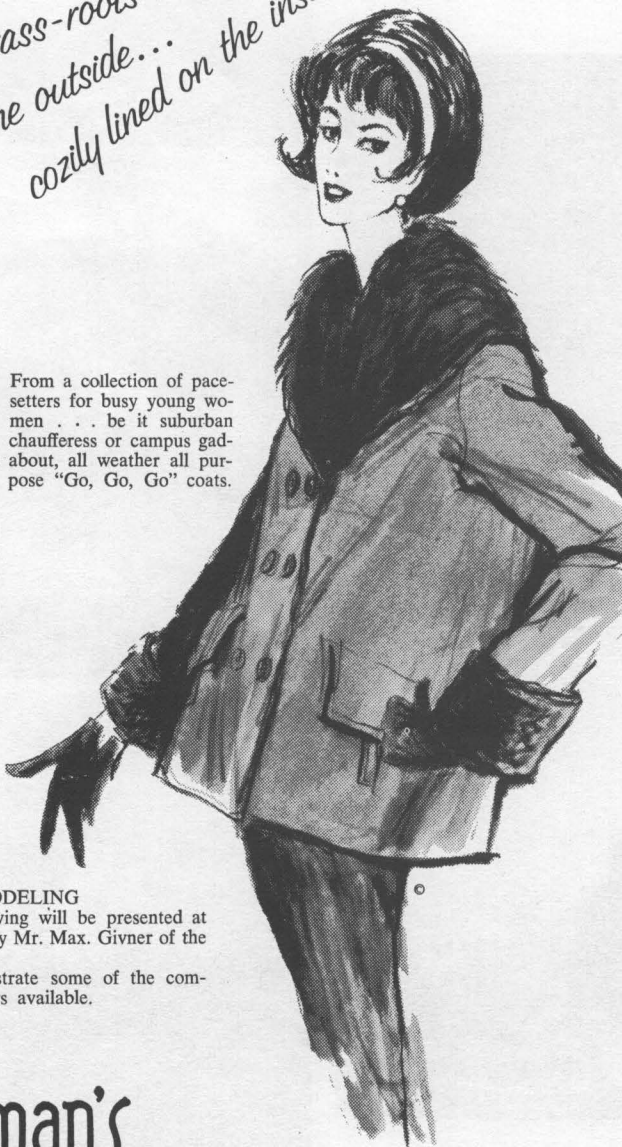
All decked out for the Old Home Week celebration back in 1912 was the Doylestown Drug Co. at Main & Court Streets. Our thanks to Dave Windholtz, Sr. for the photo.

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Featherbed Hill is located in the western part of Doylestown Township, between New Britain and Castle Valley. "Featherbed Hill," whose graceful slopes rise to the northwest as a sheltering protection from the winds of winter, has borne its peculiar name from very early time, inasmuch that it is now difficult to ascertain why it was so called. One tradition assigns a trifling and whimsical cause. It is said that a traveler with a waggish turn of mind arrived at its summit footsore and weary and wished to lie down and rest himself. He accidentally found a stray feather, and jocularly laying it on a rock, he concluded that it would answer for the rudiments of a feather bed, and contentedly laid down for repose." There is another version of this story. While a man was moving his household goods across the hill on the Almshouse Road in a wagon, a strong gust of wind ripped open a seam in a featherbed and scattered the contents over the trees and shrubs on the hill, producing a curious spectacle that suggested the name. Featherbed Hill is one of the few places in the county where the rare Wild Lupine may be found. — "Place Names in Bucks County"

If you want to get away from it all and avoid the main highways, Pennsylvania's the place to go. The Keystone State has 62,504 miles of local roads among its hills and mountains, through the lowlands and along the rivers. Pennsylvania's total mileage of public roadways is 109,215.

The Court House Was My Beat

by
A. Russell Thomas

Dedication of the ultramodern Bucks County Courthouse costing some \$7-million-plus, took place just 199 years after the first session of court in Bucks county was held in a small dwelling on the Delaware River near Morrisville.

Saturday, September 29, 1962, "Dedication Day", goes down as another of numerous historical dates in Bucks county. We now have one of the

most modern county courthouses in the United States.

In years gone by, after that first session of court was held at the house of Gilbert Wheeler, March 4, 1763 near Morrisville, county seats were located at Bristol and Newtown.

The first court session held in Doylestown was on May 11, 1813, in a court building that also housed the county jail. It was located adjacent to where

the familiar brownstone courthouse, demolished in 1960, to make way for our present "palace of justice", once stood.

"Old Brownstone" was built in 1877-78. The contract price for the building, erected with old quarried stone, was \$71,375, but heating, lighting and plumbing brought the cost to \$100,000., including architectural fees of Hutton & Ord, Philadelphia.

The last public meeting in the original courthouse in Doylestown was held on July 16, just 85 years ago. It was a temperance meeting. A cotillion party was held four days later and on July 27 there was a meeting held to recruit men for State Militia to assist in putting down railroad riots.

The cornerstone for "Old Brownstone" that was demolished two years ago was laid October 3, 1878, and the first session of court in that building was held on September 9, 1878. A laborer was killed during the erection of the brownstone courthouse.

One of the early meetings of the now defunct Bucks County Teachers Institute that was held annually in "Old Brownstone" was a musical program consisting entirely of selections on a mouth organ played by a Doylestown barber, who was introduced to the audience as "Professor H". While he acquitted himself with credit, it was evident that music as a social feature of the Institute had reached a pretty low ebb.

Erection of "Old Brownstone" in 1878 provoked agitation for several years without success, with many reasons against it. Among them was "the great expense" but the old courthouse of earlier vintage lacked modern conveniences.

It required two grand juries to pass the directive calling for "Old Brownstone" to be built. The cornerstone was laid at 5 p.m., Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 3, 1877. General W. W. H. Davis made an address, his remarks being recorded in "Doylestown Old and New", a book written by General Davis, and published by my father, the late A. K. Thomas, in 1905.

At the ground-breaking for "Old Brownstone", the first shovel of earth was dug by George Lear, a member of the Bar and, at that time, attorney general of Pennsylvania.

Shortly after "Old Brownstone" was finished, some of the heavy glass around the dome was broken and fell through the stained glass skylight over the court room to the floor below, causing \$300 damage.

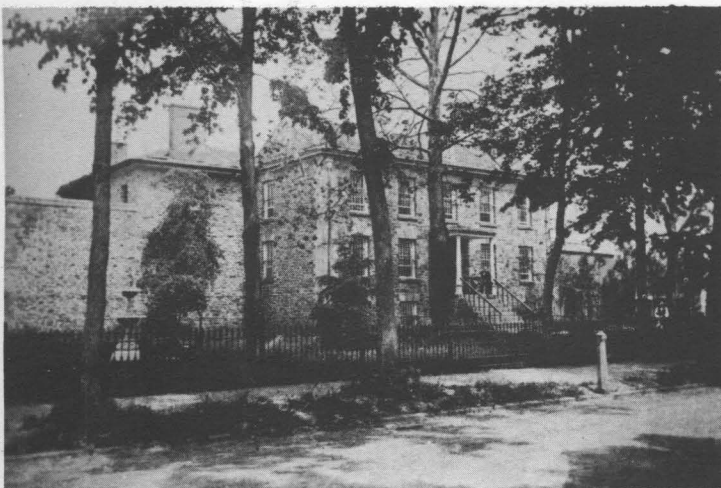
The dedication address by General Davis was widely publicized.

"If the courthouse be a temple, wherein justice is enshrined, the attorneys are the priests who minister at the altar," said the general in his opening remarks.

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"When finished, the blind

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Writer Russ Thomas doesn't remember these two buildings, Bucks County Jail on Court Street in the 1880's and next to it, the first Court House in Doylestown.



Quite a change from the new multi-million dollar edifice now on Court Street. (Photos courtesy Bucks County Historical Society)

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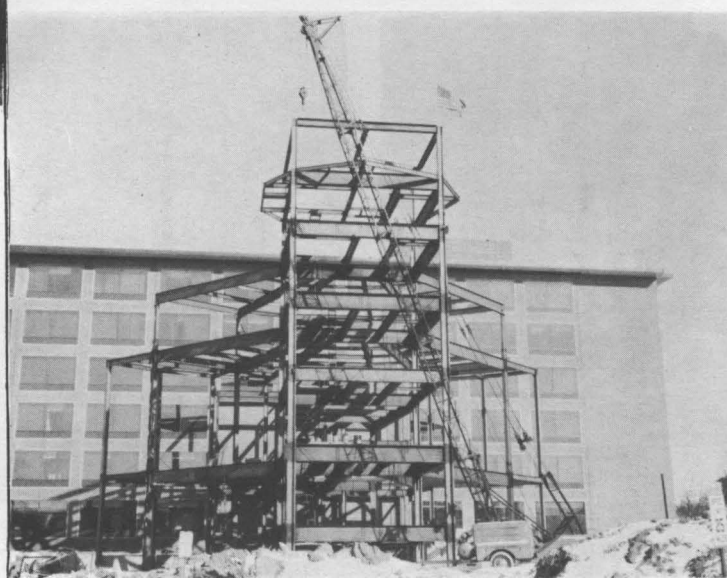
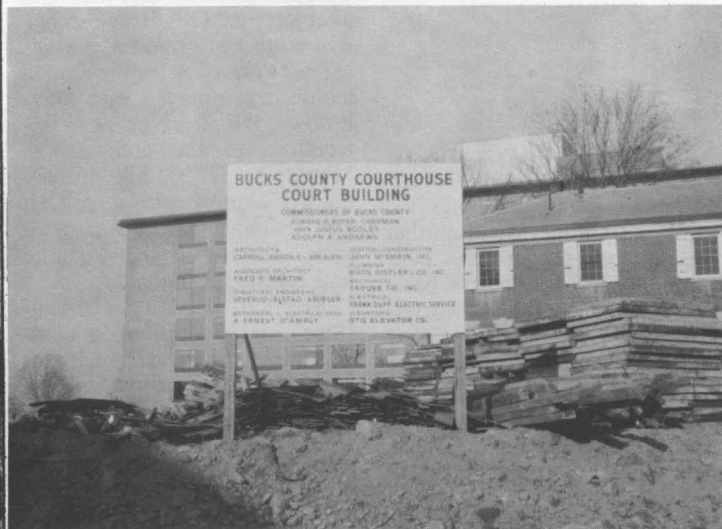
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Above, the new Bucks County Administration Building. Photo was taken in October 1959. Note the old court house at top left. Below, are scenes of the construction of the new courthouse after destruction of former administration building, (see opposite page) — Panorama Photos.



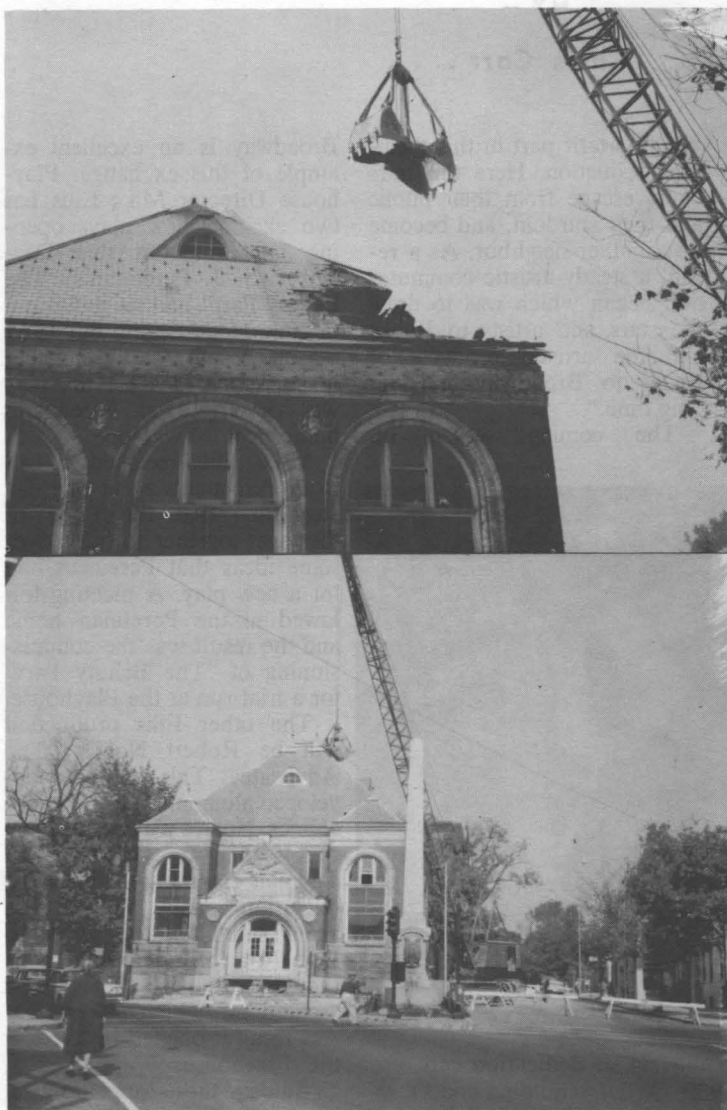
*The
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The former Bucks County Administration Building at Main and Court Streets in Doylestown as it looked in December 1959. Below are photos showing the demolition of the building in October 1960. (Panorama photos by Maddox and Alliger)

Court Street, Doylestown, Bucks County, U. S. A. is a fabled street that has seen many radical changes in the history of Bucks County. Washington's troops were encamped there. Governors of Pennsylvania have been married there. More lawyers have offices in one block than any other street in Bucks. Uncounted celebrations have taken place there. Many election celebrations have started there. Troops assembled there to go to fight Pancho Villa in Mexico. Books and movies have been set on this short section of real estate. It is indeed "Quite a street."

The most radical changes ever to take place on the street took place within the past few years. We show here some of the buildings that were torn down or moved, to make room for the new courthouse. Court Street has changed again, but still ready and able to make or take an active part in the history of Bucks County.



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BROADWAY to BUCKS

The story of The Bucks County Playhouse

by

Chris Carr

1939 saw the beginning of a sensational love affair in Bucks County, a love affair between the newly formed Bucks County Playhouse and the great names of Broadway and the "big time", a love affair which has lasted for twenty-three years.

The beauties of the Bucks countryside and its own particular brand of solitude played

an important part in this theatrical seduction. Here the stars could escape from their public and their stardom, and become just another neighbor. As a result, a steady artistic commutation began which was to draw the stars and artists to Bucks and the artistic products of Bucks to Broadway and the "big time."

The coming season on

Broadway is an excellent example of this exchange. Playhouse Director Mike Ellis has two exciting new plays opening in Manhattan this December. S. J. Perelman's "The Beauty Part" had its initial run in New Hope during the 1961 season. A satire on the amateur in "art", the idea for the play was developed at Perelman's home near New Hope.

Mike Ellis received a call from Perelman's agent one day suggesting that the three of them get together to hash over some ideas that Perelman had for a new play. A meeting followed at the Perelman home and the result was the commissioning of "The Beauty Part" for a trial run at the Playhouse.

The other Ellis production will be Robert Noel's "The Advocate". This play was developed along more conventional lines. Novice playwright Noel was working for Goodson and Todman dreaming up ideas for television game shows. His agent submitted the script to Ellis for consideration. Ellis thought it had that magic "something" which makes a hit. As a result it opened in 1962 at the Playhouse.

Among those appearing in

"The Advocate" on Broadway this winter will be a longtime Playhouse staff member and resident of New Hope, Business Manager John Crowley. Crowley will appear as Inspector Falcone, the role he played when the play opened in New Hope.

Crowley has just completed his twelfth season at the Playhouse, making him one of the senior staff members. A chance meeting with Theron Bamberger at the Sycamore Lodge Kennels in Centre Bridge led to the close association between theater lover Crowley and the incomparable Bamberger. Later Crowley was to find an equally strong relationship with Director Mike Ellis.

John Crowley is one of those whose love of the theater seems destined to draw him, despite all odds, into participation in some aspect of the performing arts. Crowley is a native Philadelphian, a graduate of St. Joseph's Prep School and St. Joseph's College. Although he was officially enrolled in pre-law in college, extra-curricular work in dramatics was ultimately more exciting.

After his graduation, Crowley organized Orchestra Bureau of Philadelphia, a booking agency in which he still holds an interest. Meanwhile he found time to direct little theater groups in Philadelphia and Vineland, New Jersey. During the 1949 and 1950 seasons he was Business Manager for the Bryn Mawr College Summer Theater. That winter he met Bamberger, and since the Playhouse Business Manager was going to Europe for the summer, Crowley took his place and remained.

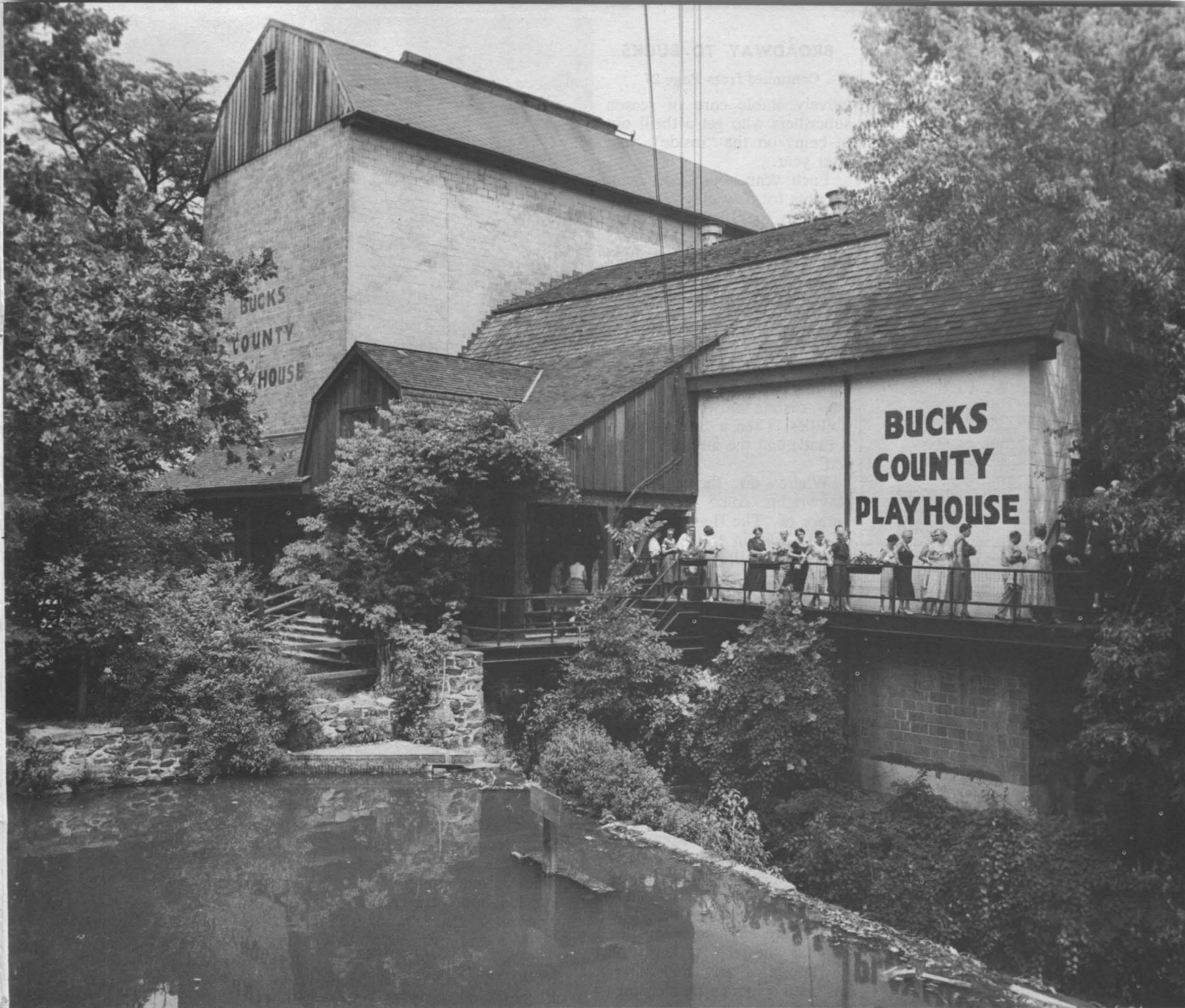
In 1956 Crowley, along with Mike Ellis and two other Playhouse staff members, was at in Coconut Grove Theatre in Miami for the opening season. During part of the 1961 season, he served as company manager of the Ellis production, "Come Blow Your Horn."

During the winters, John likes to call himself a "country bum", doing all the things he doesn't have time for during the Playhouse season. Actually however, his schedule is equally busy then.

For four years Crowley was dramatic coach at Valley Forge Military Academy. For five winters he has served as union manager of the playhouse in Wilmington. In addition, there is considerable paper work to do for the coming season in New Hope including early planning, mailing lists, theater par-



Actor Richard Bennett (with shovel) at dedication ceremonies of the Playhouse in 1939. At left (holding coats) is actor Burgess Meredith. (Photo courtesy John Crowley)



ties and season subscriptions.

John, his wife, Sarah, and their daughter Juanita Ann, 9, live on Solebury Mountain Road.

Another Staff member who will be with the Ellis productions in New York in December will be Assistant Producer, Walter Perner, Jr. Wally started as a Playhouse apprentice in September 1954 between his graduation from New York University and his Army service.

After serving his two year tour, Wally held several jobs in the theater, and a few outside it. According to Wally, he was associated with a short run Broadway show and a short run off-Broadway show. He was assistant producer in an unsuccessful summer theater

venture. Outside of the theater, he worked as an assembler on the Chevrolet line and as a telephone lineman.

In 1958 after renewing his friendship with Mike Ellis, Wally went back to school, this time to learn shorthand and typing in order to become Mike's secretary. In 1960 he produced a movie. The following year he became Assistant Producer of the Playhouse.

Working with Mike Ellis has been an unbeatable experience for Wally Perner. As the Broadway openings near, he will have the opportunity to assume even more responsibility at the Playhouse.

One of Wally Perner's jobs recently has been to help Mike read through the piles of new manuscripts which flood the

Playhouse office each year. These new plays have become the life blood of the New Hope theater and are becoming more important each season.

The Bucks County Playhouse has always been a pioneer in experimentation, but probably never to the extent that it has been in the past few seasons. This is true because Mike Ellis believes that this is the only way to pursue the real purpose of summer theater.

The Playhouse can experiment to the extent it does because of its high professional reputation and because its audiences are sure of the highest possible professional performance, regardless of the quality of the play. The Playhouse draws a sophisticated and re-



John J. Crowley

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lately stable core of season subscribers who get a thrill out of being on the "inside" year after year.

Each year about 250 manuscripts for new plays are delivered to the Playhouse office and the Ellis home. About 75 percent of these are submitted by agents, and the rest by erstwhile playwrights themselves. Each play is read over by at least one staff member.

Promising plays are reread, each time more carefully, keeping in mind production techniques, casting and rewriting possibilities. Then a final decision is made and the author is notified.

Where do these aspiring playwrights come from? The author of "The Beer Goes National" was in the advertising business in Illinois. He had several plays produced there, but this was his first production in the East.

Most of the new playwrights whose plays are accepted however, are working at their writing full time. Very seldom does a first play make the grade. Most playwrights have had productions either in college or community theater or both. These seem to be the best training grounds available today.

Financially, the experimentation with new plays is very risky, but occasionally it pays off. Director Mike Ellis has had this happen. He says, "You can't make any money on the summer theater. At least the Playhouse is not and never has been a money making proposition, as far as I'm concerned."

"It is worth the effort however, for two reasons. Its reputation helps me to open doors



The New Hope Mill in 1939 before it was rebuilt into The Bucks County Playhouse. (Photo courtesy John Crowley)

that would otherwise be closed to me. That's very important in this business. The other reason is that it is an experimental ground for new plays."

"You make the money by trying the new plays. I found Come Blow Your Horn, in my seventh year at the Playhouse, The Beauty Part, in my eighth and The Advocate, in my ninth. I've already made more money on Come Blow Your Horn, than in the whole previous seven years. But I'm not overly optimistic. If both of the others should succeed, it would be a miracle."

The theater business and particularly that of summer theater is a complicated and capricious one. The Bucks County Playhouse, for example, must gross \$7200 a week to break even and make a small profit. The top possible gross is \$9000. But when one bad week comes up, it takes four or five good weeks to make up for it.

A gross income of \$7200 seems like a lot, but it isn't compared to some of the "big time" summer theaters with large seating capacities. One, for example, can gross up to \$26,000, and most average between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

The Bucks County Playhouse successfully competes with the large capacity houses only by keeping operating costs at a minimum. One method of doing this has been to establish a \$1,000 ceiling on salary payment to the "stars" and sticking to it without exception. This, of course, is nothing compared to what some of the "stars" ask and get other places. The big names accept this because they know that the salary is fixed and that nobody gets any more.

The plays that form the season's program at the Playhouse are chosen because they fall into one of three categories. 1) They have not played in Philadelphia at all. 2) They failed on Broadway, but benefiting from the experience there, changes could be made to improve them. 3) They are new plays that show the promise of success. All of these plays will usually draw good crowds.

"The Miracle Worker" this season was an exception. It played Philadelphia twice and despite this, was the best run at the Playhouse this year. The fact that a play is made into a movie usually hurts, but apparently in this case, it didn't.

This Playhouse production of the story of Helen Keller and her devoted and inspired teacher, was an exception in another way too. Director Ellis normally does not permit members of the cast to take the same part at the Playhouse that they have previously played elsewhere. Ellis believes that this brings a fresh approach from the actors and more important, that members of the cast don't have to "unlearn" the instructions of previous directors. Because of the nature of the story of "The Miracle Worker", however it was necessary to deviate from this rule.

Ellis has set up other guides for casting too. For example, there is no longer a resident cast in New Hope. With one play in production and another in rehearsal, Ellis believes that the only way he can get the extensive rehearsal time he needs is by bringing in a new cast for each production. Casting is done entirely in New York and even local residents, who are often

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The Spooks Of

DEVIL'S HALF ACRE

by

Bart

Williams



yourself lonesome, a little bit skeert and a parcel of excitement. I knows 'cause the Devil's Half Acre . . . that stretch of road squeezed between them grey-rocked mountains and the black-hearted Delaware . . . ain't never disappointed a single spook-seeker!

First you'll feel a strong breeze kickin' up its heels and sendin' bits of dust against your face. Then you'll feel a sharp sting at your ankles from a dried branch that jest seemed to come at you quicker'n a whiplash. Then the trees overhead will twist and knock branches against each other as though they were wrestlin' the Devil himself. You'll smell rotted leaves and stagnant pools.

Then you'll start hearin' things. That's when you'll know fer sure you've reached the Devil's Half Acre. Cold, blood-stirrin' shrieks. Wild laughter, fierce as the yells of flesh-eatin' hyenas. Cries, pitiful as a wounded hound's whimperin'.

Yep, that's what I mean by the spooks of Devil's Half Acre. You won't see a gol-durn thing, but you'll hear every spine-quiverin' sound of the Devil's.

How come? Well, it's this way.

In the days the canal was bein' constructed, a tavern stood near the river supplyin' the boys with plenty of happy juice and plenty of wild wenchin' until the day the canal got done. The revellin' got so fierce with those raw-hided boys, there was scarce a towns-person who'd get within a mile o' the place. Killin' and screamin' fairly rocked them tavern walls from twilight on.

And you know somethin'?

That shiekin' and howlin' ain't never stopped. Those river boys ain't never been allowed a rest in heaven or 'hell, they say. They say, the Devil owns their souls and the very spot o' land where they lived with him, doin' his biddin'.

So that's why I say, there ain't a spot in all Bucks County you'll want to be at less than at Devil's Half Acre, this All Hallows Eve . . . or any other eve.

It's a place a body don't visit . . . jest talks about over some October fire.

Bucks County's Halloween Story

If there was one spot in all of Bucks County a man never had a hankerin' to be at durin' the 1800s I'm tellin' you . . . it was the Devil's Half Acre."

What and where's that gol-durn place you're askin'.

Well, I'm tellin' you, it's a place you'd never be caught in on All Hallows Eve or any other eve

for that matter, accordin' to the stories I been hearin' for a longer stretch of years than I could reckon.

If you don't believe me, take a walk up the River Road this October 31st . . . after dark, in particular. Start in Lumberville and let your feet drift real easy like towards Upper Black Eddy. Know what'll happen? You'll find



BROADWAY TO BUCKS

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used in the productions, must go there to audition.

Stars are never a problem at New Hope because of the Playhouse's reputation and its location within commuting distance of New York. John Crowley likes to tell about the stars who got their start there. William Bendix, for example, once worked at the Playhouse for \$50 a week. Grace Kelly made her first professional appearance here. Others like Holly-

wood star Tony Perkins appeared here early in their acting careers.

Other theatrical personalities made their mark, came to the County to live, and found themselves performing on home ground as well. In 1941 theater history was made when local residents, Moss Hart and George S. Kaufman appeared with playwright Sheridan Whiteside and comedian Harpo Marx in an incomparable presentation of "The Man Who Came to Dinner." Mrs. Moss Hart, actress Kitty Carlisle, also made frequent appear-

ances.

From their farm in Newtown have come Ezra Stone and his lovely wife, Sara Seegar, to appear both individually and together. Other New Hope residents and real professionals are Frances Reid and her husband, Philip Boerneuf. Composer-arranger Don Walker continues to make his tremendous contribution of talent to Broadway, as does playwright-director, Kenyon Nicholson. Both Walker and Nicholson serve as Directors of the Playhouse.

By the very nature of the population of the area, those

residents who have contributed their talents and time to the Playhouse productions over the years are too numerous to mention, but their contribution does not go unappreciated. Nor does the talent of those who have made only a temporary stop in New Hope. Memorable performances are part of the Playhouse tradition.

Remember when Helen Hayes appeared with her beloved daughter, Mary McCarthy, in "Alice Sit-By-The-Fire"; when Philip Loeb, a Philadelphian by birth, directed two notable productions here in the late '40's; when Thornton Wilder starred in "The Skin of Our Teeth", his own Pulitzer prize winning play.

Remember when Haila Stoddard, now appearing on daytime television, made a record number of appearances here by popular request; when Russell Colins left the staff to star in

"The Ice Man Cometh" on Broadway; when Jackie Cooper, Faye Emerson, Bela Lugosi and dozens of others brought their diverse personalities and talents to this "country theater".

Although it's too early yet to talk in detail about the coming season at the Playhouse, one thing is sure. There will be lots of new plays and the production will be top quality. Mike Ellis has already selected one new comedy he would like to try if he can get his choice or stars.

That the Bucks County Playhouse is a success, is indisputable. Its location, the reputation and the spirit of daring of its staff would be difficult to equal. As the State Theatre of Pennsylvania by a resolution of the Pennsylvania Senate in June 1959, it does the State, the County and the theater business proud.

The real success of Bucks County Playhouse, however, lies in the loyalty of that relatively permanent group of season subscribers and in the scores of newcomers who line up outside the ticket window. It lies in the camaraderie and the privacy achieved for its "personalities" who seldom have either, in that unique village on the banks of the Delaware.

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Saturday, October 27—Lycoming College, Parents' Day ... 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 3—Drexel Institute of Technology ... 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 10—Millersville St. Coll., Millersville .. 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 17—Susquehanna U., Selinsgrove, Pa. . 1:30 p.m.

Doylestown In 1833

Residents of Doylestown are naturally quite proud of their town. It might be of interest to all to read this account taken from the Saturday Evening Post of October 1833 concerning Doylestown.

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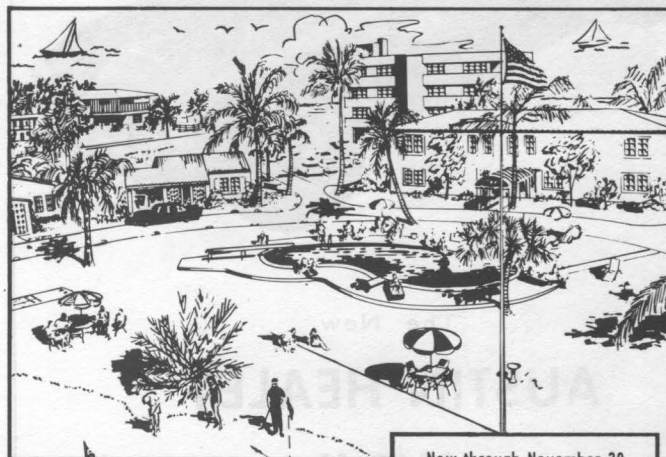
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Inquiries may be directed to Delaware Valley Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc., P.O. Box 25, Levittown, Pa.

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There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice.

— Mark Twain

Amish Museum Open to Public

"The culture of the Amish Dutch country on parade"—this is the theme of the new Amish Dutchland Museum now open to the public near Lancaster, Penna., the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce reports.

Organized and directed by the Pennsylvania Folklife Society, on its 45-acre home grounds, the museum will be open daily. Fifty persons, experts in their fields, will demonstrate Penn Dutch arts and crafts during the week. On weekends, the number will increase to 75.

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—Paul Blackburn
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(Panorama is pleased to introduce Paul and Marion Ely as our new sports car editors. Paul and Marion need little introduction, as they are two of the top sports car ralliists in the area. Their column will appear exclusively in Panorama.)

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Sports car enthusiasts have had a busy summer with many varied events that have kept us all quite busy. We will report on a couple of what we found the most interesting.

During August, we journeyed to White Plains, New York to enter the "MG International 1000 Mile Rally", sponsored by the MG Car club of Long Island. We were joined by localites, The McClintocks of Chalfont and the Jordans of Collegeville. (This was the tenth year that the McClintocks have made the trip, which must be some kind of record.)

Starting in White Plains, the course led us north through New York State and into Stowe, Vermont, where we spent the first nite. This was a distance of 335 miles from the starting point.

The next morning the course continued north into Canada, ending that phase at Mt. Tremblant, a well known ski center. Unfortunately, we had no time for skiing, and very little time for any sightseeing, as we left the next morning. Driving south, the days course took us to Utica, New York.

The fourth and final day of the rally brought us south into Pennsylvania, and ended at the Holiday Motel in Allentown. That evening we were treated to dinner by the sponsoring club, and watched the trophies to awarded. There were a total of 62 cars in the competition, traveling a distance of 1165 miles.

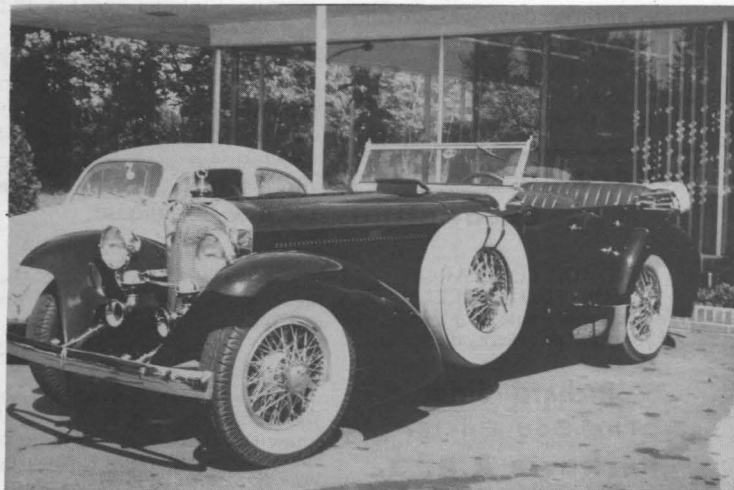
The committee deserves a lot of credit for staging an event of this size, without any noticeable problems. (They operated 28 checkpoints and the winning score was a 30 second error, which is remarkable) Winners were ROGER BOHL and STEVE WILDER. (Wilder is co-editor of Car and Driver Magazine) The KOELMELS of Huntingdon Valley finished second. The winning three car team was composed of The KOELMELS the KIRKPATRICKS of Drexel Hill, and DICK SMITH (Quakertown) and J. TONEY (Pineville). All three cars were Renaults.

It was a lot of fun for all who entered.

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Then came the big weekend, THE REALLY BIG NEW HOPE CAR SHOW! This turned out to be quite a successful event. The weatherman offered favorable weather, which contributed much to the success of this well planned affair. Saturday morning found our Rally masters, Ridgely Ryman and Jim Groman, with their helpmates Alice and Adair (what would

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The famous Doylestown Centennial was celebrated in 1878, the year "Old Brownstone" was completed.

One of the interesting events concerning "Old Brownstone", in addition to many exciting and interesting trials, took place on October 21, 1899. On this occasion, Hon. John Wanamaker presented to Bucks County, the historic painting, entitled "The Rescue of the Colors" of the 104th Pennsylvania Regiment, at the Battle of Fair Oaks, May 31, 1862. The painting was consigned to the Bucks County Historical Society, after hanging in the arbitration room of "Old Brownstone" for some time.

The last court conducted in Newtown was May 10, 1813 and the proclamation for the first court to be held in Doylestown was issued by President Judge Bird Wilson on April 28, 1813.

The Bucks County Commissioners bought the land on which the original Doylestown courthouse was located, from the administrators of Nathan Shewell, for one dollar, on May 12, 1810, and the original building was completed in the spring of 1813.



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Panorama publisher Richard J. Alliger is seen here greeting State Senator Raymond Schaffer, Republican candidate for Lt. Governor. Mr. Alliger and Senator Schaffer were guests on a radio broadcast on WIFI, Philadelphia.

(Panorama Photo by Roy C. Kulp)

The carpenter work was done by Levi Bond, of Newtown; the mason work by Timothy. The wages were one dollar a day, working without regard to hours. The plans were drawn by Jonathan Smith, of Mount Holly, N. J., and he was allowed \$349.23 for his services and 131 days for personal attendance.

The whole cost of the original Doylestown courthouse and the jail next to it was \$43,700.02.

The ancient courts of Bucks County were much more largely attended than some are today. This is indicated by the large number of eating and drinking booths set up about the courthouse during the various sessions. In those days there were no newspapers and paragraphers to go over the field of gossip and small talk and rake in the last shred of information. The news in those days was carried by word of mouth, and "court time" was the great occasion to trade bits of news afloat in far off neighborhoods.

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The new courthouse was planned by a Republican-controlled board of county commissioners. A Democratic-controlled board was in operation when the first unit was built and a Republican-controlled board dedicated the Administration Building and the Judicial Wing.

This observer is of the opinion that Carroll, Grisdale and VanAlen, Philadelphia architectural firm and Fred F. Martin, Doylestown, associate architect, did a first-class job in planning the new Courthouse.

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The value of a sentiment is the amount of sacrifice you are prepared to make for it.

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RACING MOTORS

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they do without them) at the starting line ready to start the first car off at 9:01 with an entry list of 85 cars. The course was well planned and was won by *Dick Norton* and *Don Kirkpatrick* with a total of 18 points. That speaks for itself.

Sunday was the final day for the gymkhana and the awarding of the annual overall trophy to the best club competing. This was won for the second year by Old York Road Sports Car Club, Hatboro. The gymkhana had 60 entries and was won overall by *Milt Kyle, Jr.* of Carversville.

Now, here are some upcoming events that you will want to note on your calendar:

October 20-21 is the date for the Sports Car Race at the Reading Airport, put on by Eastern Penna. Sports Car Club and the Susquehanna Region S.C.C.A. for the benefit of Police Athletic League of Greater Reading.

The Phila. Region S.C.C.A. is busing making final plans for the coming annual Appalachian National Rally on November 2-3-4th. This is the last National rally for the year and quite often decides the National Champion. Rally headquarters this year will be the Holiday Motel, Allentown, Pa.

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DOINGS OF FELLOW RALLIESTS DEPT. —

Dr. & Ann Butchart are heading for Colorado to try their luck in the famous Continental Divide National Rally. *Jack & Renee O'Leary* were the victors in the 4th annual, very tricky Kunsman Memorial rally. *Evelyn Moyer* of B.S.C.C. won best ladies award and 6th overall in the Berkshire National rally in Mass.

It looks like *Bob Holbert* is well on his way to another Championship in class this year.

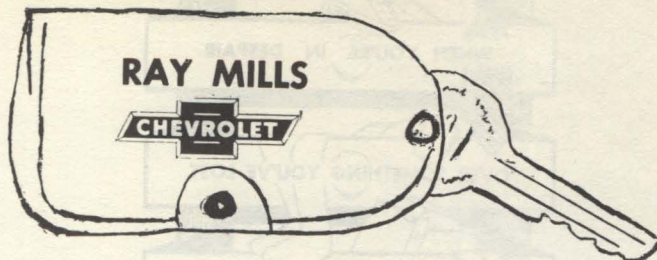
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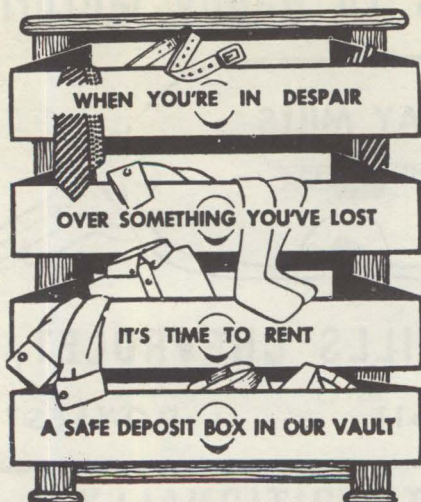
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Around Town

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The final shows of the season at both the Bucks County Playhouse and The Music Circus were, we feel, the best presented all season. The Playhouse's final offering was the old Frank Fay vehicle, "Harvey" starring TOM EWELL. Ewell is, to our way of thinking, one of the funniest men in the theatre. A former New Hope resident, Ewell was perfect in the part. On the hill in Lambertville, St. John Terrell wound up his season with two delightful shows. "Bye, Bye, Birdie", and a repeat of "The Music Man," both 'fun shows' that left everyone with a smile and humming the tunes. Now the season is all over until next April for the Playhouse and a little later for the Music Circus. We all will miss these attractions, and will eagerly await their re-opening. We wish to thank both theatres for their co-operation this past season.

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We regret that in the advertisement for The Town Shop of Doylestown that appeared on page 33 of the September issue of Panorama, we incorrectly spelled the name of the shop. We wish to apologize to MAE BEDFORD, owner of The Town Shop of Doylestown, and trust we caused no confusion.

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A note from VERA WAGNER, President of the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society of Pennsylvania, tells us that the state is presently restoring Mood's Covered Bridge here in Bucks County. We are happy to note that many of the County owned covered bridges here in Bucks have been repainted and are being taken care of. Thanks are due to the County Commissioners and the many "fans" of the covered bridges in the area.

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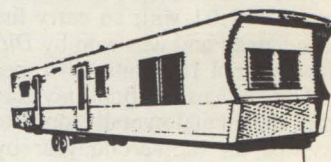


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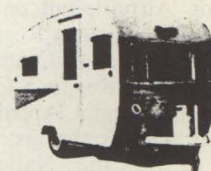
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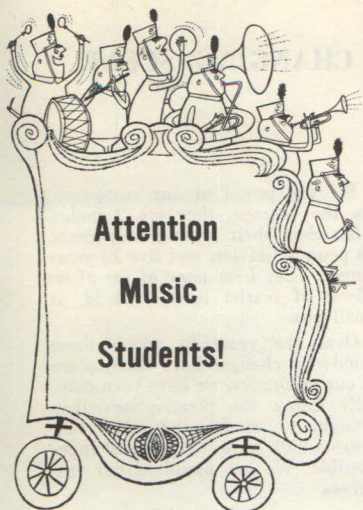
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Mrs. HELEN ANDRE has returned to her home in Palm Beach, Florida, after visiting friends and relatives in Doylestown. She was accompanied back to Florida by her granddaughter, Miss ANDRE STRYKER, of Maple Ave., Doylestown.

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A ladies' night dinner party sponsored by Doylestown Lodge No. 245, F. & A. M. will be held on Saturday night, October 27, starting at 7 o'clock, at the Dublin Fire Hall in Dublin.

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The U. S. Air Force has obtained the services of two local men, KEN STUMP, JR., and DON WINTON. They are presently at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

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JIMMY HOFFA, the Teamster Union Boss, lost one of his unionized plants some months ago when the drivers at Sommer Maid Creamery in Cross Keys withdrew from the union.

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A note from historian ANN HAWKES HUTTON tells us that the third publication in the "Highways of History" pamphlet series is now off the press and ready for distribution. The new one is on Lower Bucks County. Like the two earlier pamphlets (Upper and Central Bucks), this one deals with the historic points of interest in the lower part of Bucks County, complete with maps and directions, and capsule historical facts on each place to be visited. The Bucks County Historical - Tourist Commission with headquarters at Fallsington produced the pamphlets with county appropriated Funds. They are available in any quantity from the Commission in Fallsington, or, by phoning CY 5-5450.

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FRANK L. SHELLY of Harvey Avenue, Doylestown, recently passed the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors exam. Frank works with the Kirk and Nice Funeral Home in Germantown.

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Former Panorama Art Director GEORGE MATTHEWS, now with the U.S. Air Force, recently spent some time in Bucks County, prior to leaving for a new duty station near Reno, Nevada.

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The Philips Mill Art Exhibit will be held at the Philips Mill on River Road, just north of New Hope through October 28. The galleries are open daily, 1-5 P.M., and 1-6 P.M. on Sundays.

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We wish to thank our good friend and former Panorama staff member MARION GRANGER, for interviewing your editor on a recent radio program on WIBF at the Benson in Jenkintown. We might note here that WIBF will add a TV outlet about next April, telecasting in on a UHF channel. Word has it that Marion's program, "Celebrity Carousel" will be on TV each day.

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ATTENTION, LOCAL AUTHORS — Panorama is always on the lookout for historical articles about Bucks County for publication in this magazine, and will pay for articles on publication. Contact the editor for details.

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The fall term of the Central Bucks Adult Night School gets underway on October 1 and 2 at CBHS in Doylestown. MAE LIGHT is in charge again this year.

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ART NOTES—The Stover Barn in Erwinna (River Road) will be featuring some interesting shows in the next few weeks. October 6 through October 21 will be the Mr. & Mrs. ERWIN D. SWANN personal collection of paintings. October 27 through November 11 will offer work by Mrs. DOROTHY HARROWER, an authority on Decoupage. JOSEF ZENK will display recent portraits and paintings at the barn from November 17 through November 25.
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TRAVEL NOTE — We recently journeyed to New York City and did something we have been talking about for years—we took a cruise around Manhattan Island on the Circle Line. This three hour cruise shows you more of Manhattan in a most enjoyable way than we had seen on dozens of other trips. The boats leave the foot of 43rd St. in New York (a few minutes from Times Square), and well worth a trip to "the big city" to do. We recommend it highly.
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County Fare

"Fore!" yelled the golfer at the Doylestown Country club. But the woman on the course paid no attention.

"Fore!", he shouted again, but with still no effect.

"Ah", suggested his partner in disgust, "try her once with three ninety-eight!"
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It takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart; the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you. — Mark Twain
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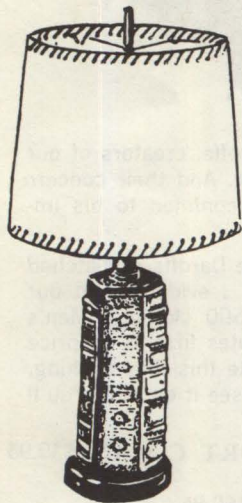
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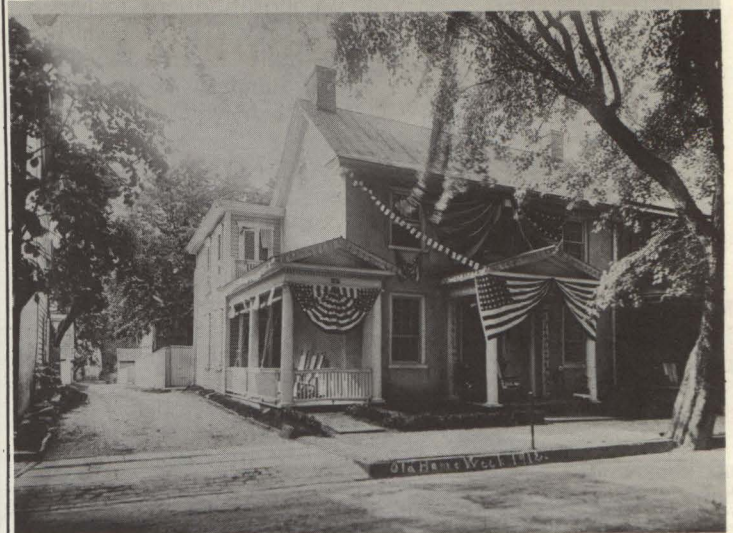
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An Editor Reminices

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OCTOBER

When the sun goes down and the horizon's hue changes from red to purple and blue; when the crisp night air whispers through the trees, and the scent of corn is on the breeze; when the goldenrod blooms so yellow and bright, and the cool dew falls on the grass at night; when the hen house door and the windows are closed, and the farmer sees that his stock is housed; when the cider press hums and the brown juice flows, and odors of applebutter tickle the nose; when the cricket's chirp in the cellar you hear, then you know that Fall is drawing near.

KEEP SMILIN'

When men are wont to ridicule or pick a fight with you, when someone tries to tell you what you should or shouldn't do, when neighbors won't be neighborly, won't bid the time of day, don't fret, but whistle and go smilin' on your way. A smile, a song, a happy face are worth their weight in gold; they keep you young, while fretting's bound to make a fellow old; what's more, if you are happy, then the other fellow may, look up to you and bid you time of day.

ELECTION DAY

The Primary's long been over and the candidates have been picked,
The voters were lolling in clover while the losers knew they'd been licked;
But the big battle comes in November, when the fight becomes more than about,
Candidates will have this to remember, to get the votes in they must get voters out.

BRIEFS

Old Father Hubbard went to the cupboard a little snifter to take,
But when he got there the cupboard was bare—Ma used it to make a fruit cake.

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With a chill in the breeze and a tang in the air, better check your supply of long red underwear.

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BOB WINTON asked us to print the following note for sports fans — Anyone interested in playing or starting a semi-pro team, similar to the Doylestown AC, come to the practice field in back of Lenape Jr. High School on September 30 about 1 P.M.

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The word is out that President JOHN F. KENNEDY will do some stumping here in Bucks County for his friend and congressional hopeful, JAMES A. MICHENER.

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Point Pleasant's LOUISE PIDCOCK is staying at the Smith Nursing Home in Doylestown for awhile.

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The New Hope Music Series Concerts, held at The Center Bridge Inn, will feature SONYA MONOSOFF, violinist and IGOR KIPINIS, harpsichordist on October 7,

and WILLIAM CLAUSON, tenor on October 14. Admission is \$2.00, (students, \$1.00). The concerts are held Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M.

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Sept. 21—at Up. Moreland (N)
Sept. 28—Springfield (N)
Oct. 6—at Hatboro
Oct. 12—Ambler (N)
Oct. 19—Quakertown (N)
Oct. 26—at Souderton (N)
Nov. 2—Up. Perkiomen (N)
Nov. 9—Pennridge (N)
Nov. 22—at N. Penn (2 P. M.)

PENNRIDGE

Coach Wayne Helman

Sept. 14—at Allentown (N)
Sept. 22—at Springfield
Sept. 28—Hatboro (N)
Oct. 5—at Ambler (N)
Oct. 12—North Penn (N)
Oct. 19—Souderton (N)
Oct. 27—at Upper Perkiomen
Nov. 2—at Upper Moreland (N)
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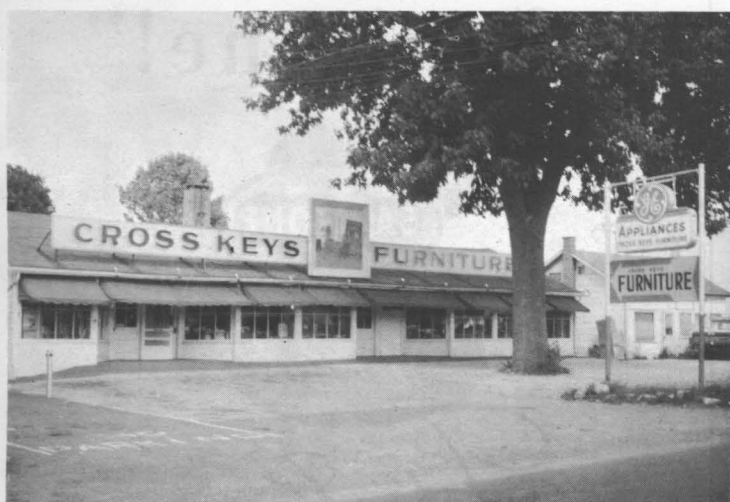
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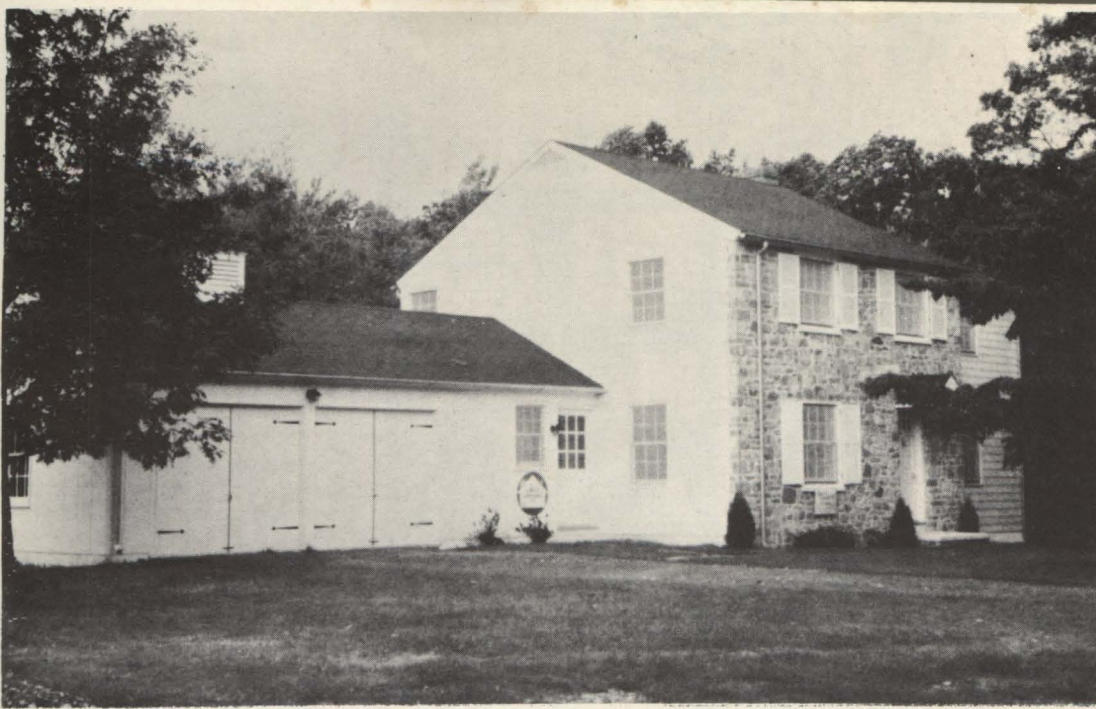
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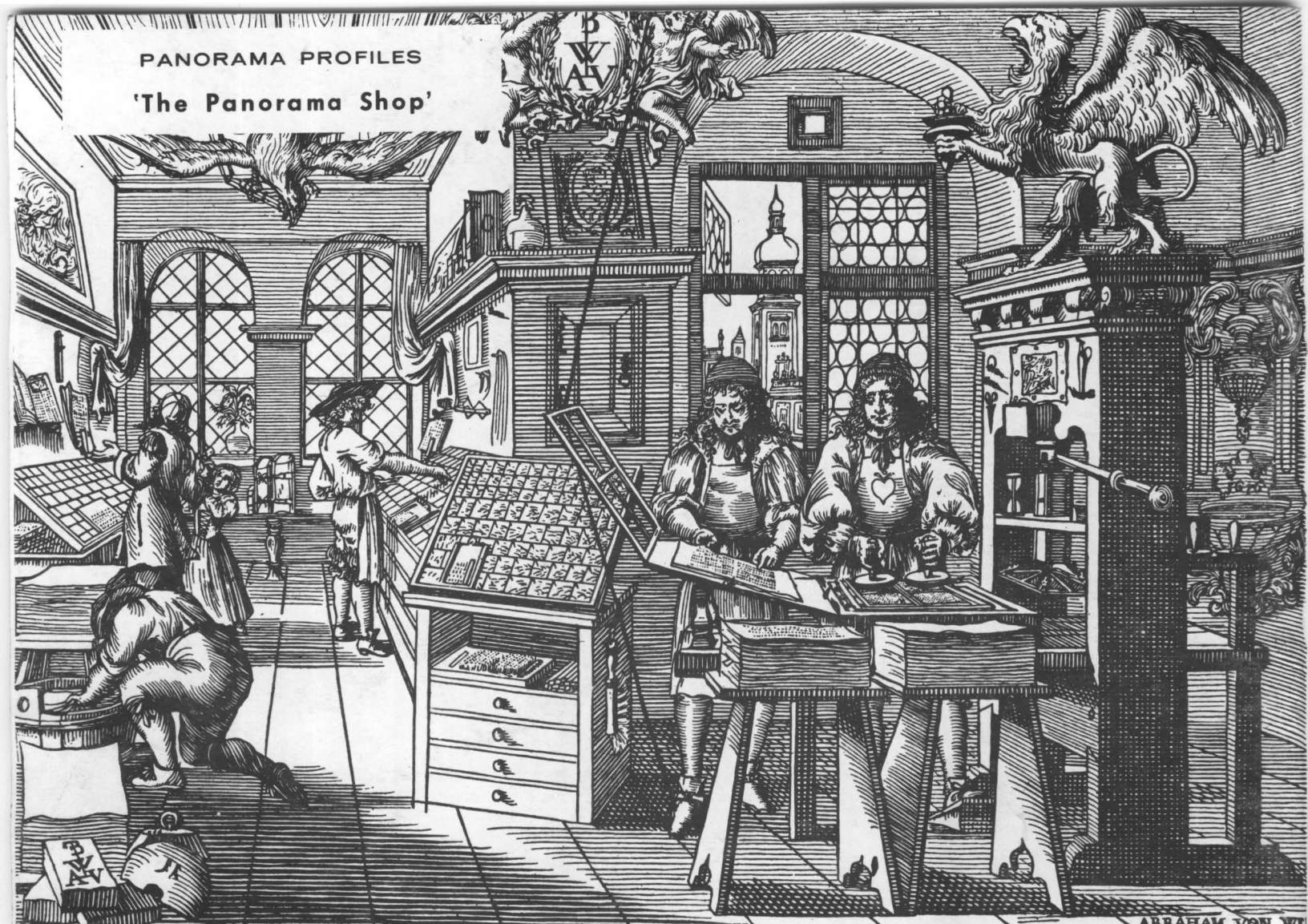
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